(c) The Central and State Governments have taken several measures to facilitate primary education of children, including those belonging to SC/ST. These relate to increased access to schools, improvement in school infrastructure, incentives for SC/ST students and girls such as free textbooks, uniforms and attendance scholarships, implementation of Mid-day Meals Programme and residential schools and hostels for SC/ST boys and girls;

District Primary Education Programme (DPEP), which is being implemented in 149 districts, have designed contextually relevant strategies to ensure better participation and retention of children at primary level.

Changes in the Memorandum of Association of ICHR

4227. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any changes have been made or are proposed to be made in the Memorandum of Association of 1972 of the Indian Council of Historical Research; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

Amounts paid to the Academy of fine arts and Literature

4228. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what amounts have been paid to the Academy of Fine Arts and Literature, New Delhi as grant-in-aid, financial assistance, subsidy or assistance under other schemes during the last three years; and

(b) the scheme-wise and year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Under the Building Grant Scheme, the Academy of Fine Arts and Literature, New Delhi was sanctioned Rs. ten lakhs for construction of a Building during 1990-91 and the full quantum of the sanctioned amount has been paid.

Percentage of literacy among adivasi women

4229. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literacy among the Adivasi women in the country, particularly in the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have any proposal for a time bound programme to eradicate illiteracy among Adivasi women; and

(c) the social and other impediments in embarking on such a literacy drive among women?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The female literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes as per 1991 Census, is as follows:—

All India	18.19%
Bihar	14.75%
Madhya Pradesh	10.73%
Uttar Pradesh	19.86%

(b) and (c) The Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) is the principal strategy of National Literacy Mission for eradication of illiteracy in the country. The literacy compaigns cover the entire illiterate population in 15-35 year age-group irrespective of their caste, creed or sex. Scarce resources, difficult terrain, scattered population, inacessability to schools, lack of literacy tradition and gender bias against women could be attributed as major impediments for literacy